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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Mr. Scott J. Gerwin. (3) Neveen Abel-Jalil.
 (2) Mr. Richard F. Giunta (Attorney of Record). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 15 November 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Independent Claims 1, 15, 26, 27, 29, 31, & 32.

Identification of prior art discussed: Baranovsky et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,897,661) & Hubiset al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0022956 A1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant requested the After-Final interview to discuss items presented in an Agenda:

Rejection for the limitation of "can be used"& "usable" which the applicant agrees with the Examiner to be language directed towards defining a capability or a characteristic of an ELVID that is not necessarily limiting or actually being implement by the system. The Examiner requested that explanation to be on record in order to withdraw the 112 second paragraph rejection.

The Applicant also discussed the rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly being unpatentable over Baranovsky (5,897,661) and possible amendment to claim 1 to show that the plurality of storage systems are separate computers. The Applicant continued to discuss the difference between the cited art under 103(a) and the claimed limitation. A proposed amendment to clarify the claimed language was also discussed and possibly presented in the response to the Final Office action.